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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 220-4258 to discuss any information concerning this application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 or § 1.117 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MADAME:

Prior to examination of the above identified application, please enter the following amendments.

In the Claims:

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An apparatus for early detection of subacute, potentially catastrophic infectious illness in a patient comprising:

- (a) a monitoring device, continuously monitoring heart rate variability in the
- patient; and
- (b) a microprocessor, identifying at least one characteristic abnormality in the heart rate variability that is associated with the illness.